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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY (NON-PROVISIONAL)

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks ATTENTION: Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Incomplete Reply (Non-Provisional) mailed March 12, 2002, enclosed are substitute drawings in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.84 and the margin requirements set forth in the Notice. A copy of the Notice accompanies this Response.

A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed. Authorization to charge applicants Deposit Account No. 06-1135 for any necessary fees accompanies this Response.

Respectfully requested,

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NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY (NONPROVISIONAL)

Filing Date Granted

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has received your reply on 01/16/2002 to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed 10/09/2001 and it has been entered into the nonprovisional application. The reply, however, does not include the following items required in the Notice.

The period of reply remains as set forth in the Notice. You may, however, obtain EXTENSIONS OF TIME under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a) accompanied by the appropriate fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)).

A complete reply must be timely filed to prevent ABANDONMENT of the above-identified application.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

A copy of this notice <u>MUST</u> be returned with the reply.

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